

## Message Text

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ACTION EB-04

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FM AMEMBASSY TOKYO  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2405  
TREASURY DEPT WASHDC

C O N F I D E N T I A L TOKYO 16875

LIMDIS GREENBACK

E.O.11652: GDS  
TAGS: EFIN, JA, PO  
SUBJECT: GOVT OF JAPAN ENQUIRY REGARDING ALLEGED U.S. GOVT GOLD  
PURCHASES FROM PORTUGAL

MINISTRY OF FINANCE OFFICIAL (MURATA, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, LEGAL  
DIVISION, INTERNATIONAL FINANCE BUREAU) PHONED FINATT TO  
ENQUIRE AS TO ACCURACY OF REUTERS REPORT, DATELINED NEW  
YORK OCT 25, TO EFFECT THAT PORTUGAL HAD SOLD ABOUT  
46,000 KILOS OF GOLD TO THE U.S. TREASURY DEPARTMENT.  
(REUTERS REPORT ALSO MENTIONED TOTAL GOLD SALES BY  
PORTUGAL OF ABOUT 1 1/2 MILLION OZ BETWEEN EARLY THIS YEAR  
AND SEPT). IF TRUE THAT TREASURY HAD PURCHASED GOLD FROM  
PORTUGAL, HE EXPRESSED INTEREST IN DETAILS, INCLUDING PRICE.  
FINATT EXPRESSED SKEPTICISM THAT TREASURY HAD PURCHASED GOLD  
FROM PORTUGAL BUT AGREED TO QUERY WASHINGTON. WOULD  
APPRECIATE INFORMATION WITH WHICH TO RESPOND TO MURATA.  
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